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The Honorable William Colby
 Director of Central Intelligence
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 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

On behalf of the Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Law and Organization, we would like to ask you to meet in background session with the Subcommittee to discuss in some detail recent Soviet strategic developments and the implications of those developments.

We believe the meeting could be very productive if you were prepared to talk about certain specific matters:


1. What recent significant developments do you see in each of the major elements of Soviet strategic forces: i.e., mobile land-based missiles, fixed land-based missiles, submarine-based missiles and bombers? Discuss any specific increase in throw weight and improvement in accuracy. Do you expect a new inter-continental bomber to be deployed? What is the present state of Soviet MIRV development and deployment?
2. Can the United States monitor further Soviet strategic development, particularly in regard to MIRV development and deployment and missile deployment by type?
3. Are there any indications that the Soviet Union has violated or may violate either the spirit or the letter of the SALT I treaty and agreement?
4. Is the offensive potential of Soviet missile forces being increased? If so, what is the likely effect upon the balance now and during the course of the interim treaty and agreement? What is the likelihood that these developments, or others in the years ahead within the structure of the interim treaty and agreement, could affect the deterrent value of any of our strategic forces?

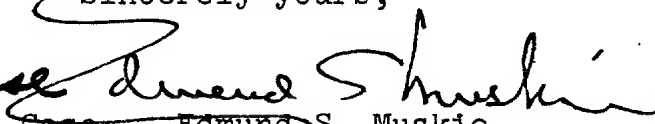
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As soon as the schedule for the first weeks of this session is more certain, we will be able to arrange a specific time. If you or your staff have questions about your appearance, George W. Ashworth of the Subcommittee staff may be reached at 225-5381. We look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,


Clifford P. Case


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